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SUBJECT: AKHBAR: "QAKHAAFI IS INSANE"

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1. AKHBAR EDITOR IN CHIEF APRIL 10 SAYS FLATLY IN SIGNED COMMENTARY: "QADHAAFI IS INSANE." FURTHER, "IT IS OUR DUTY TO CALL FOR A MENTAL EXAMINATION AND TO PLACE HIM IN A LUNATIC ASYLUM. IF WE LEAVE HIM BE, HE WILL BURN HIMSELF AND THE WORLD WITH HIS." REFERENCE TO BURNING MAY BE DERIVED FROM AFP ITEM DATELINED KHARTOUM WHICH APPEARED ON GUMHURIYYA'S FRONT PAGE, CLAIMING QADHAAFI RECENTLY SAID LIBYA IS TRYING TO BECOME A NUCLEAR POWER, AND URANIUM WILL BE DISCOVERED SHORTLY THERE.

2. COMMENT: AS REPORTED REFTEL, EGYPTIAN PRESS HAS IN RECENT DAYS BEGUN TO RESPOND TO VIRULENT LIBYAN MEDIA ATTACKS AGAINST GOE POLICY, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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SADAT, AND EVEN MRS. SADAT. CALLING QADHAAFI INSANE, WHILE IT REFLECTS GENERAL EGYPTIAN VIEW OF HIM, IS INDICATION OF TOTAL

TURN-AROUND IN MININFO'S GUIDELINES ON LIBYA. UNTIL RECENTLY
GOE HAS RECOMMENDED PRESS SILENCE, BUT AMIN'S COLUMN TODAY
REACHES LEVEL OF CONTEMPTUOUS SPITE SPEWED FORTH BY LIBYAN
MEDIA ITSELF.
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